

August 2011

# **NEWS AND EVENTS**

### Carson Nugget Makes Major Donation to "Always Lost" Project



The Carson Nugget has pledged \$100,000 to enable the "Always Lost" exhibit about war to travel to Washington D.C. The donation is part of their Community First Initiative, and will support the replication, mounting and packing of the exhibit. Additionally, the Nugget is creating a scholarship fund for veterans.

http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-07-13a.php

English faculty members Marilee Swirczek and Kevin Burns with one of the exhibit panels.

### **Peace Office Academy Graduates Future Leaders**

Eighteen cadets from the college's Western Nevada Peace Officer Academy were honored Friday, July 29, at WNC Carson City. The cadets successfully completed the rigorous 30.5-credit program over the past seven months, and are now eligible to take the Peace Officer Standards and Training exam. Many are also completing Associate of Applied Science degrees at WNC. They can now apply for positions in law enforcement that require Category I, II, or III certifications.





### **Douglas Campus Reopens on August 15**

Students in Douglas County can attend college at the WNC Douglas campus and skip the commute to Carson City. More than 35 classes will be offered and an additional 80 classes can be taken online, giving students the opportunity to earn a degree closer to home. Classes include American Sign Language, arts and crafts, biology, chemistry, English, environmental studies, geology, mathematics, music appreciation, and Spanish. High school students may get a jump on college by taking fast-track classes in English or math, at a lower price.

# **Bookstore Gearing Up for Fall Term**

Things are ramping up at the Follett bookstores at WNC Carson City and Fallon. The Carson City store will be open Monday-Thursday, Aug. 1-4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Check out a large selection of WNC T-shirts and sweatshirts to show our school spirit! <a href="https://www.bkstr.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/StoreCatalogDisplay?catalogId=10001&langld=-1&storeId=11034&demoKey=d">https://www.bkstr.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/StoreCatalogDisplay?catalogId=10001&langld=-1&storeId=11034&demoKey=d</a>

### **WNC Welcomes Kids on Campus**



High school age and younger students have been on campus for driver education and College for Kids activities this summer. Here's a look at the action.





#### **Rural Classes Continue with Help from Community Partners**

Western has worked diligently this summer with school districts and city governments to create partnerships that will allow WNC to continue serving residents in rural communities of western Nevada, despite the deep state budget cuts.

This fall, interactive video classes will be offered in Fernley, Hawthorne, and Yerington, at designated community locations. Thanks to the support of local community partnerships, WNC is able to offer courses between 5:30 and 9:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday, that lead to an associate degree.

Fernley classes will meet in a room at the City Hall; Hawthorne classes will remain in Mineral County High School; and Yerington classes will stay at the Jeanne Dini Center for the Arts.

In addition, two dual-credit WNC classes will be offered at Pershing County High School in Lovelock. Students may also choose from dozens of online courses offered each semester that can supplement interactive video classes to achieve a degree or prepare to transfer to a university.

### Work towards a WNC Associate of Arts degree

Interactive video courses offered evenings in Fernley, Hawthorne and Yerington apply toward an Associate of Arts degree. Complete general education core classes in a convenient & timely manner. WNC online courses can also help complete a degree or certificate.

| - | Time                      | Monday              | Tuesday             | Wednesday         | Thursday             |  |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|
|   | 5:30-6:45 PM<br>7-9:45 PM | ENG 101<br>CHEM 121 | MATH 096<br>PSY 101 | ENG 101<br>CH 201 | MATH 096<br>THTR 180 |  |

# **COLLEGE CORNER**

#### **Welcome Back Activities Planned**

Mark your calendar now for a week of important and interesting employee training and professional development opportunities to kick off the 2011-2012 academic year. The schedule is still being refined for the time frame of Thursday, Aug. 18-Thursday, Aug. 25.

A wide variety of programming is being contemplated on such topics as organizational change, office ergonomics, sustainability efforts, library resources, computing services, employee safety, utilizing volunteers, Moodle Q & A, how our students use social media, and more.

Human Resources will also continue its popular benefits fair and ice cream social on Welcome Back Day, Tuesday, Aug. 23, following the annual staff meeting, with a pancake breakfast sponsored by the WNC Foundation, and a barbeque lunch.

Part-time academic faculty will have their own orientations and will be notified by their individual academic divisions.

### **Child Development Center Update**

Due to low enrollment, the Child Development Center will not be offering evening childcare for the fall 2011 semester. http://www.wnc.edu/cdc/hours.php

### **MyWNC Registration System Training & Reminders**



More than 3,200 students have already enrolled for fall classes at WNC using the new myWNC student portal. <a href="http://www.wnc.edu/my/">http://www.wnc.edu/my/</a>

In addition, faculty and staff members are finding their way around the new system. Two items of note:

- 1. All users are required to reset their myWNC password every 120 days. Important to know: the password can never be the same as one used before.
- myWNC basic training sessions for faculty and staff members are set for the following days and times:

Thur., Aug. 18 – 11 am-noon CED 108 – IAV to Fallon VRGH 308

Thur., Aug. 18 – 3-4 pm Cedar Bldg Rm. 100

### **ATHLETICS**

#### Three More Wildcats Commit to D-1 Schools

WNC student athletes Connor Eppard, Sean Dwyer and Sean Potkay have signed to play for Division-1 university baseball programs next year, bringing the 2011 total of signed players to nine. WNC has had 27 players commit to D-1 schools in the past three years.

http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-07-20a.php







### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Tuesday/Thursday, Aug. 2 & 4:** Phantom of the Opera Auditions http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-06-30c.php

**Friday, Aug. 12:** 80% of student fees due for fall classes (for students not enrolled in the deferred payment plan) <a href="http://www.wnc.edu/studentservices/admissions/payments.php">http://www.wnc.edu/studentservices/admissions/payments.php</a>

**Friday, Aug. 26:** 100% of student fees due for fall classes (for students not enrolled in the deferred payment plan)

http://www.wnc.edu/files/departments/studentservices/admissions/revised web academic date s pg.pdf

Monday, Aug. 29: Fall semester begins

Thursday, Sept. 15, 5-6:30 p.m.: Artist Reception, WNC Carson Galleries, Free. <a href="http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-05-26a.php">http://www.wnc.edu/news/2011-05-27b.php</a>